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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Dear Sir(s):

A response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2006 in the above-identified patent application was due May 28, 2006. A One Month Petition For Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, the accompanying RCE and this amendment and response are considered to be timely filed. Should there be any fees due and owing with respect to the subject application, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3208.

Reconsideration of the application in view of this paper is respectfully requested.

Listing and Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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